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SUBJ: GOB CREATES COMMISSIONS TO STUDY CHILEAN SEA OUTLET PROPOSAL

1. SUMMARY: YESTERDAY'S (JANUARY 6) MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS RESULTED IN THE ISSUANCE OF A SUPREME DECREE DIRECTING THE CONSTITUTION OF A NATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL (CONSEJO NACIONAL MARITIMO). THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT BANZER AND WILL INCLUDE MINISTERS INVOLVED IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL SUBMIT THE CHILEAN REPLY TO BOLIVIA'S DEMAND FOR A SOVEREIGN SEA OUTLET TO IMMEDIATE STUDY BY PERSONS OF RECOGNIZED ABILITY AND EXPERTISE SO THAT THE GOB WILL BE FULLY PREPARED AND COMPETENT TO ENTER THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DECREE CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL MARITIME COMMISSION (CONAMAR) NAMES THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AS ITS PRESIDING OFFICER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, PLANNING AND
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COORDINATION, INTERIOR, THE THREE ARMED FORCES

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COMMANDERS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESS AND
INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENCY, AS WELL AS OTHER
CITIZENS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT AS MEMBERS.
A COORDINATOR APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT WILL SERVE
AS LIAISON WITH THE MARITIME ADVISORY COMMISSION
(COMISION DE ASESORIA MARITIMA) WHICH WILL BE
COMPOSED OF FOUR WORKING GROUPS ACTING AS ADVISORS TO
THE NATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL. THE WORKING GROUPS
WILL STUDY ECONOMIC, MARITIME, SECURITY AND TECHNICAL
ASPECTS OF BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED CONDITION, AND WILL
BE COMPOSED OF PERSONS WITH SOME EXPERTISE, AND NOT
NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION WILL BE
DRAFTED UNDER THE LAW OF OBLIGATORY CIVIL SERVICE,
WILL WORK FULL TIME AND WILL BE FULLY REMUNERATED.
THEY WILL PERFOR THEIR TASKS IN COMPLETE SECRECY AND
ANY UNAUTHORIZED REVELATIONS WILL BE PUNISHED UNDER
THE MILITARY PENAL CODE.

4. $750 THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE OBLIGATED IN THE
1976 NATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES
INCURRED BY THE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

5. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
HIGHER EDUCATION (CNES) HAS INFORMED THE RECTORS OF THE
EIGHT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES THAT THE GOB HAS REACTED
POSITIVELY TO THE OFFER OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
TO COOPERATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE. CNES
IS NOW PROPOSING THE FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMISSION COMPOSED OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF
LA PAZ, ORURO, AND POTOSI AND A JURIDICAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION COMPOSED OF THE OTHER FIVE TO STUDY SEA
OUTLET PROPOSALS.

6. COMMENT: BOLIVIANS ARE DETERMINED TO BE PREPARED
FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ARE
GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PERUVAIN REACTION TO
THE CHILEAN PROPOSAL WILL BE POSITIVE AND THAT
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHILEANS WILL BE RENEWED IN
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THE NEAR FUTURE. THE GOB IS ACTING TO INCLUDE THE
LARGEST NUMBER OF KNOWLEDGEABLE CITIZENS POSSIBLE
IN THE INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS SO AS TO SHARE
RESPONSIBILITY AND BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE ULTIMATE
SOLUTION.
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